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Serial No.: 10/614,929

Filing Date: 07/07/2003

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SELECTION

Examiner: Y. Young Lee

Group Art Unit: 2613

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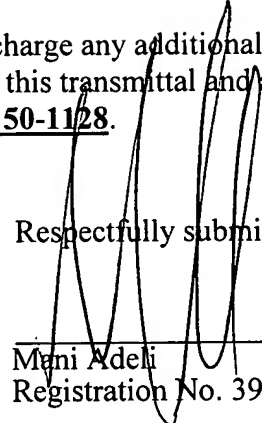
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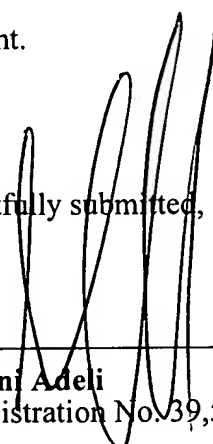
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	2.	5,790,131	A	Liang, et al.	08-04-1998	
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	4.	5,923,376	A	Pullen, et al.	07-13-1999	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	9.		International Search Report		03-12-2004	Apple Computer, Inc.	International Search Report of US 2004/0184546 A1 (item 8 in this form 1449A/PTO), which is related to the present application.	

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	11.	WO	9743860	A1	11-20-1997	Iterated Systems, Inc.	According to International Search Report, dated 03-12-2004 (item 9 in this form 1449A/PTO), this document WO 9743860 is a counterpart and is believed to be cumulative to US 5790131(item 2 on this form 1449A/PTO). No copy of this document is attached pursuant to CFR § 1.98(c).
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